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Jed FAHEY et al.

Serial No. 08/840,234

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-captioned application. The fee has been calculated as shown below. (Small entity fees indicated in parentheses.)

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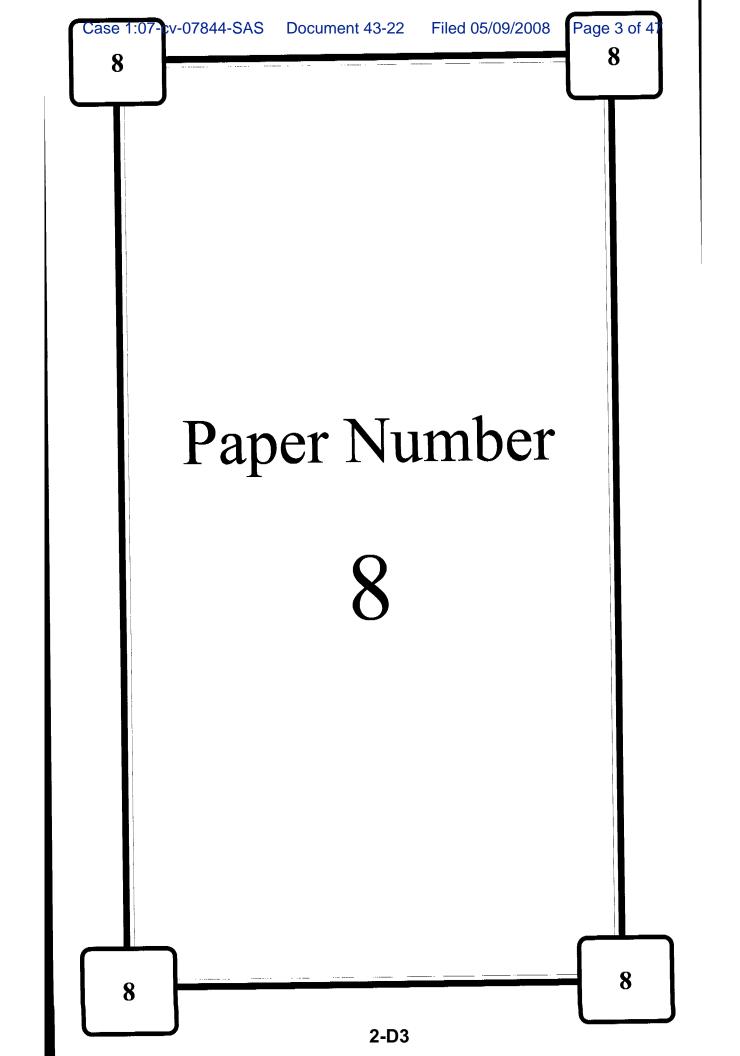
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.56 and §1.97

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Sir:

Submitted herewith on a modified Form PTO-1449 is a listing of a document known to applicants in order to comply with applicants' duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56

The 'submission of the document herewith, which is not a statutory bar, is not intended as an admission that such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application or that such document is considered material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR §1.56(b). Applicants do not waive any rights to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove as a competent reference any document which is determined to be a <u>prima facie</u> prior art reference against the claims of the present application.

TIMING OF THE DISCLOSURE

The instant Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing of the first Office Action on the merits under 37 CFR §1.97(b)(3). Applicants respectfully request that the Information Disclosure Statement and accompanying document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with M.P.E.P. §609.

RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

The document listed on the attached PTO-1449 discloses that broccoli sprouts contain sulphoraphane, a type of glucosinolate. However, inter alia, this document neither discloses that broccoli sprouts are rich in glucosinolates, nor teaches a method of preparing a food product rich in glucosinolates, for example, having at least 200,000 units per gram of fresh weight of Phase 2-inducing potential, nor teaches when to harvest the sprouts to achieve these results, as claimed in the present invention.

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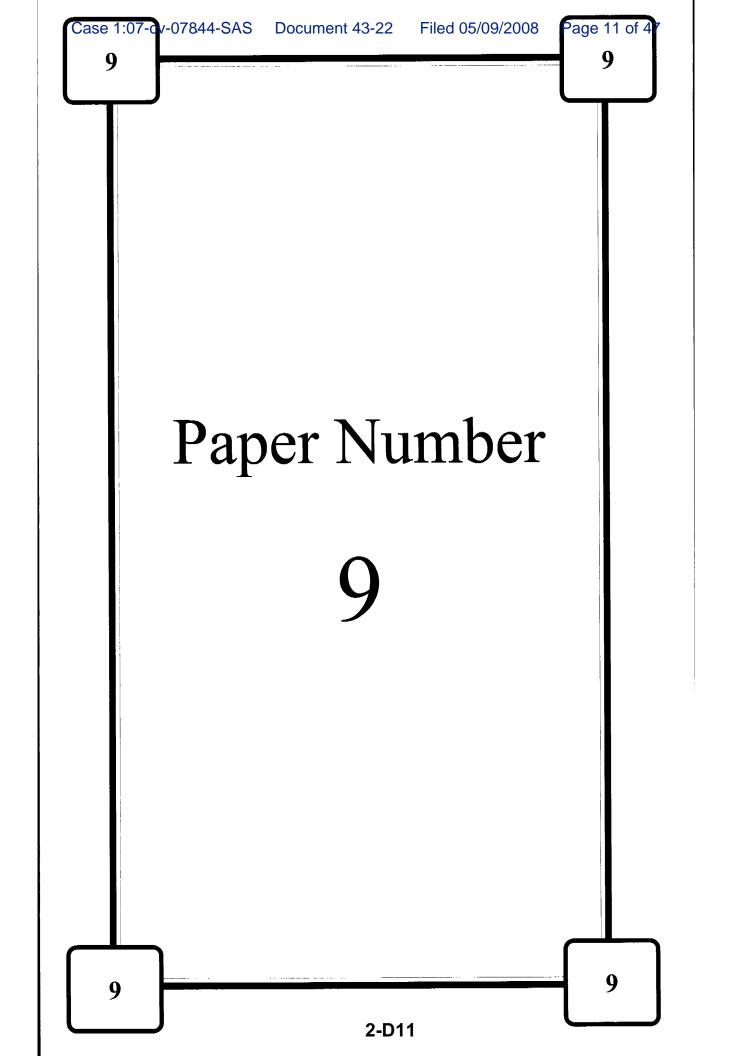
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The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 69-86 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over The Sprout House Cookbook in view of Beecher (Am. J. Clin. Nutr., A9), Zhang et al (A11), Zhang et al (A4), and Cho et al ('986).

The Sprout House Cookbook discloses broccoli sprouts. The production of sprouts (e.g. broccoli) is notoriously well-known.

The claims differ as to the specific recitation of enzyme-inducing potential and glucosinolates..

Zhang et al disclose the anticarcinogenic activities of isothiocyanates (see pages 1976s-1981s).

Beecher discloses the cancer preventive properties of varieties of Brassica oleracea (see pages 1166s-1170s).

Zhang et al disclose a major inducer of anticarcinogenic protective enzymes from broccoli (see pages 2399-2403).

Cho et al disclose chemoprotective isothiocyanates (see entire patent).

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art, at the time the invention was made, that the process of preparing the product of The Sprout House Cookbook

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would be rich in chemoprotective agents as Beecher, Zhang et al (A11), Zhang et al (A4), and Cho et al all teach the cancer preventive properties of *Brassica*.

In the absence of unexpected results, it is not seen how the claimed invention differs from the teachings of the prior art. Applicant's claims are drawn to a combination of known components which produces expected results, see In re Kerkhoven 205 USPQ 1069 and In re Gershon 152 USPQ 602.

All of the claim limitations have been considered. None of them are seen as serving as basis for patentability.

No claim is allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Leslie Wong whose telephone number is (703) 308-1979. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday-Thursday from 6:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

The fax number for this Group is (703) 305-7718.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0661.

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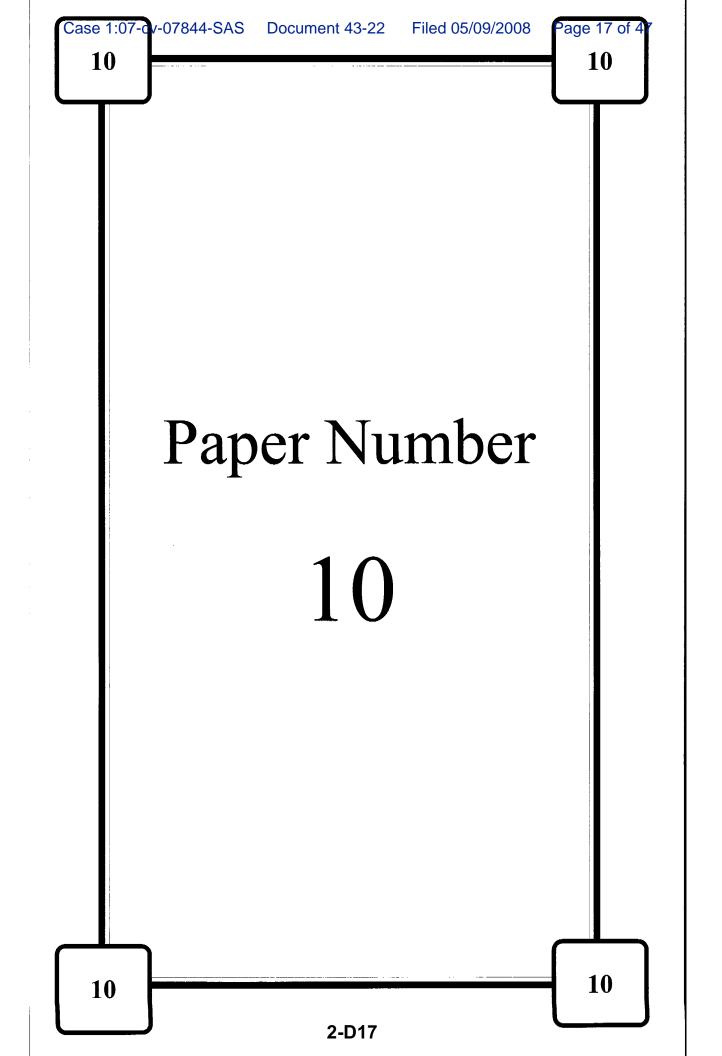
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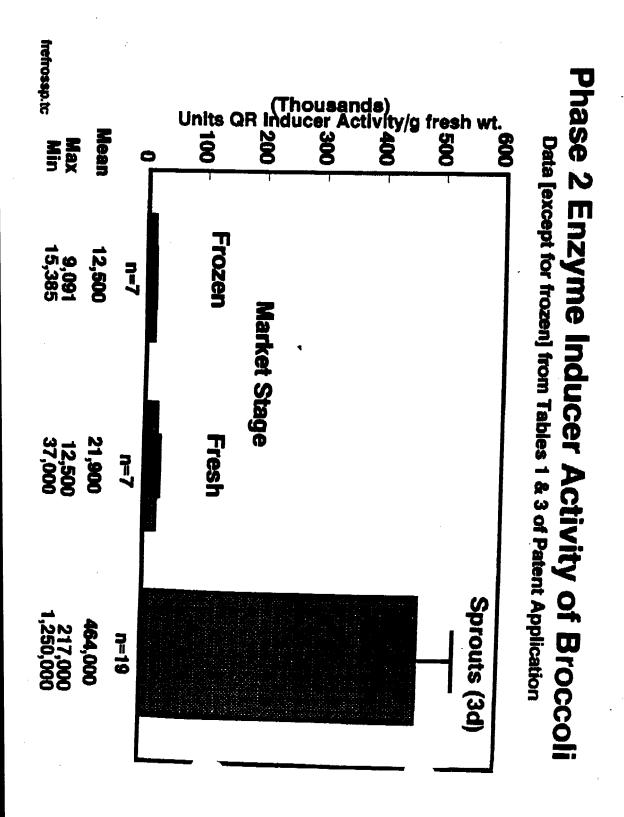
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MARKET STAGE (150 GRAMS)

3-DAY SPROUTS (3 GRAMS)

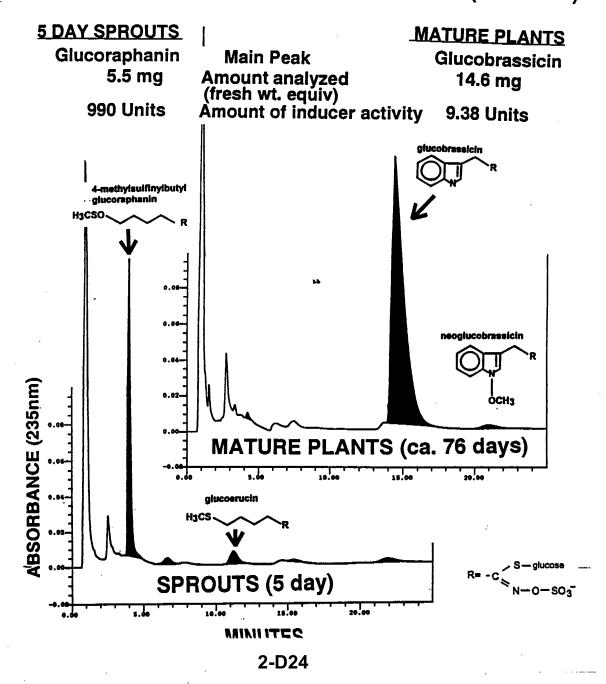


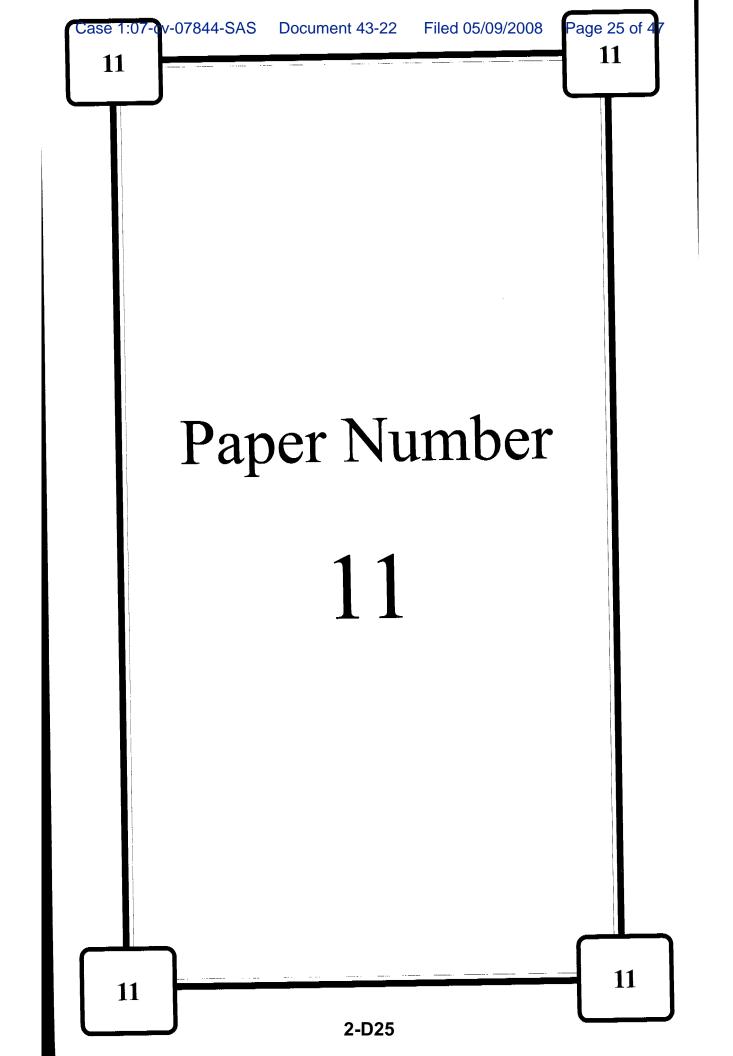
FREEZE DRIED WATER EXTRACT **OF 3-DAY SPROUTS** (150 MG)

ALL PREPARATIONS CONTAIN THE SAME QUANTITY (2-1/4 MILLION UNITS) OF ANTICARCINOGENIC **ENZYME INDUCER ACTIVITY**

FIGURE 1

PAIRED ION CHROMATOGRAPHY SHOWING GLUCOSINOLATE PROFILES OF BROCCOLI (cv. SAGA)





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Jed FAHEY et al.

Serial No. 08/840,234

Filed: April 11, 1997

For: CANCER CHEMOPROTECTIVE FOOD PRODUCTS

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

GROUP 1100

Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed April 24, 1998, applicants respectfully request the USPTO amend the application in the manner set out below and that the examiner reconsider the outstanding rejections in view of the following remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following new claims:

The method according to claim 69, wherein said seeds produce cruciferous sprouts containing at least 200,000 units per gram fresh weight of Phase 2 enzyme-inducing potential measured after 3-days of growth.

20 . The method according to claim 69, wherein said seeds produce cruciferous sprouts containing at least 300,000 units per gram fresh weight of Phase 2 enzyme-inducing potential measured after 3-days of growth.

gg. The method according to claim 68, wherein said seeds produce cruciferous sprouts containing at least 400,000 units per gram fresh weight of Phase 2 enzyme-inducing potential measured after 3-days of growth.

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90. The method according to claim 69, wherein said seeds produce cruciferous sprouts containing at least 500,000 units per gram fresh weight of Phase 2 enzyme-inducing potential measured after 3-days of growth.--

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 1, between lines 3 and 4, insert This is a continuation of application serial No. 08/528,858 filed September 15, 1995, now U.S. Patent No. 5,725,895.

REMARKS

Claims 69-86 were rejected in the first Official Action mailed April 24, 1998. New claims 87-90 are presented by means of this amendment. Support for new claims 87-90 is found on page 20, lines 25-34 of the specification. Accordingly, claims 69-90 are pending and presented for reconsideration by the examiner.

I. INTERVIEW

Applicants and their representative thank Examiner Wong for the courtesies extended during an interview held at the USPTO on June 10, 1998. Examiner Wong indicated that claims 69-86 are allowable over the prior art of record.

II. THE OBVIOUSNESS REJECTION

Claims 69-86 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) in view of Meyerowitz, S., SPROUT IT: ONE WEEK FROM SEED TO SALAD, Sprout House, Inc., Great Barrington, MA, pages 20-21, 85-86, and 120-123 (1993) which is inadvertently referred to in our Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) as "THE SPROUT HOUSE COOKBOOK", in view of Beecher, Christopher, W.W., Am. J. Clin. Nutr. 59 (Suppl): 1166-1170S (1994); Zhang et al., Proc. Nati. Acad. Sci. USA 89: 2399-2403 (1992); Zhang et al., Cancer Research 54 (Suppl): 1976-1981S (1994) and Cho et al., U.S. Patent 5,411,986.

It is respectfully asserted that the examiner has failed to set forth a prima facie case of obviousness. None of the prior art references cited by the examiner in the Official Action, either alone, or in combination, teach or suggest the claimed methods for preparing food products comprised of the designated cruciferous sprouts, or extracts made from these sprouts.

A. The Prior Art Fails to Teach or Suggest Methods for Preparing Food Products Comprised of the Recited Cruciferous Sprouts or Extracts of These Sprouts

The examiner takes the position that Meyerowitz, S., SPROUT IT: ONE WEEK FROM SEED TO SALAD, The Sprout House, Inc., Great Barrington, MA, pages 20-21, 85, and 120-123 (1993) teaches that "[t]he production of sprouts (e.g., broccoli) is notoriously (page 2, lines 11-12). Mr. Meyerowitz does not teach that the claimed sprouts are well known. The teaching of Meyerowitz does not even indicate that the claimed sprouts have been made.

Mr. Meyerowitz simply suggests that certain vegetables and sprouts may contain sulforaphane. This suggestion is based on research conducted by the inventors of the instant application at Johns Hopkins University Medical School as noted on page 121 of the Meyerowitz publication. Significantly, Mr. Meyerowitz incorrectly teaches on page 122 of this same publication that carrots and green onions contain sulforaphane. These vegetables do not contain sulforaphane, but each contains a Phase 2 enzyme inducer that is not chemically related to sulforaphane. This important error demonstrates that Mr. Meyerowitz was simply speculating about the anti-cancer potential of these vegetables and could not have known that the food product comprised of cruciferous sprouts produced by the claimed method has advantageous properties revealed by the inventors of the instant application.

Mr. Meyerowitz does not teach or suggest that the claimed method of producing a food product comprised of identifying cruciferous seeds which produce sprouts containing high Phase 2 enzyme-inducing potential and non-toxic levels of indole glucosinolates and their breakdown products and goitrogenic hydroybutenylglucosinolates; germinating these seeds; harvesting the sprouts between the onset of germination up to and including the 2-leaf stage to form a human food product comprising a plurality of sprouts.

simply summarizes evidence suggesting Beecher consumption of vegetables produced by varieties of Brassica oleracea, including broccoli, cauliflower and cabbage, reduce cancer risk. Beecher therefore does not teach or suggest methods for the production of food products comprised of the recited cruciferous sprouts or sprout extracts.

Likewise, the two Zhang articles and the Cho patent fail to teach or suggest methods for the production of food products comprised of the recited cruciferous sprouts or sprout extracts. references describe the characterization Zhang anticarcinogenic isothiocyanates found in cruciferous vegetables. The Cho patent describes and claims pharmaceutical compositions comprising sulforaphane, and analogues of sulforaphane, that are anticarcinogenic.

The examiner takes the position that:

[i]t would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art, at the time the invention was made, that the process of preparing the produce of The Sprout House Cookbook would be rich chemoprotective agents as Beecher, Zhang et al., (All), m Zhang et al. (A4), and Cho et al. all teach the cancer preventive properties of Brassica.

(paragraph bridging pages 2 and 3). However, the cited prior art fails to teach or suggest a method of making a human food product comprising the steps of identifying cruciferous seeds which produce sprouts containing high Phase 2 enzyme-inducing potential

and non-toxic levels of indole glucosinolates and their breakdown hydroxybutenyl glucosinolates; goitrogenic and products germinating these seeds; and harvesting sprouts between the onset of germination up to and including the 2-leaf stage to form a food product comprising a plurality of spouts.

> The Cruciferous Sprouts and Sprout Extracts Prepared в. According to the Claimed Methods Contain Unexpectedly High Levels of Phase 2 Enzyme Inducer Activity and Unexpectedly Low Levels of Phase 2 Enzyme Inducer Activity

Even assuming the examiner had set forth a prima facie case of obviousness, clear evidence of unexpected results contained in the specification has been overlooked. Proof of an unexpected improvement can rebut a prima facie case of obviousness. In re Costello, 480 F.2d 894, 178 USPQ 290 (CCPA 1973). Specifically, the methods of the instant invention provide food products that have unexpected health benefits compared to food products available in the prior art.

More specifically, the claimed methods of the instant application provide food products comprised of certain cruciferous sprouts, and sprout extracts, with greatly increased levels of Phase 2 inducer activity compared to mature market stage vegetables. As a consequence, a significant health benefit can be realized through ingestion of small quantities of cruciferous sprouts, or sprout extracts, prepared according to the claimed methods. The same health benefits can only be realized, if at all, through the ingestion of impractical large quantities of market stage vegetables that contain significantly lower quantities of anticarcinogenic Phase 2 inducer activity compared to the sprouts of the instant invention.

Phase 2 enzymes conjugate functionalized products with endogenous ligands (e.g., glutathione, glucuronic acid, sulfate) and thereby serve primarily a detoxifying role in xenobiotic metabolism. There is very good evidence indicating that when

Phase 2 enzymes are induced, animals and cells are protected against the toxic and neoplastic effects of carcinogens. In fact, anticarcinogens have been identified based on their ability to induce Phase 2 enzymes. See, for example, Talalay, Paul, Chemical Protection Against Cancer by Induction of Electrophile Detoxification (Phase II) Enzymes, In: CELLULAR AND MOLECULAR TARGETS OF CHEMOPREVENTION, V.E. Steele et al., (eds.), CRC Press, Boca Raton, Florida (1992).

The ability of Phase 2 enzyme inducers, isothiocyanates, to block carcinogenesis has been known for many See, for example, Zhang et al., Cancer Research 54 1976-1981S (1994). In (Suppl): addition, epidemiological studies suggest that high consumption of yellow and green vegetables, especially those of the family Cruciferae and the genus Brassica such as cauliflower, cabbage or broccoli reduces the risk of developing cancer of various organs. for example, Graham et al., J. Natl. Cancer Inst. 61: 709-714 (1978). However, the quantity of mature market stage vegetables that must be consumed in order to provide even a 50% reduction in cancer risk ratio is so very large as to be difficult for many individuals and further risk reduction is impractical.

Dr. Talalay notes in the accompanying Rule 132 Declaration, attached hereto as Appendix A that consumption of 425 g/wk of mature market stage Brassica vegetables, such as broccoli, would result in an odds ration of approximately 0.5 (50% risk reduction) for colon cancer. It is frequently impractical and many individuals cannot tolerate consumption of such a large quantity of market stage broccoli each week. The large quantity of fiber and other phytochemicals associated with the consumption of such large quantities of this vegetable is likely to cause bowel irritation and/or flatulence in a significant portion of the population. In addition, many individuals dislike the taste of cruciferous vegetables and will not consume such large quantities for this reason.

Cruciferous sprouts prepared according to the instant invention provide 20 to 50-fold higher levels of Phase 2 enzyme inducer activity than mature, market stage cruciferous vegetables (see Appendix A1). Accordingly, much smaller quantities of the sprouts can be consumed to realize the same health benefit obtained through consumption of larger quantities of mature market stage vegetables. Dr. Talalay in the accompanying Rule 132 Declaration calculates that 3 grams of 3-day old sprouts, or 150 milligrams of lyophilized hot water extract of sprouts, contain the same quantity of Phase 2 inducer activity as 150 grams of mature market stage broccoli. The quantity of mature market stage broccoli, sprouts and sprout extracts that must be consumed to realize the same health benefit (2-1/4 million units of anticarcinogen Phase 2 enzyme inducer activity) is shown in Appendix A2 attached to Dr. Talalay's Rule 132 Declaration.

Another unrecognized and unexpected benefit of the claimed methods is to provide food products comprised of certain cruciferous spouts and sprout extracts that do not contain significant levels of Phase 1 inducer activity, derived from indole glucosinolates. Phase 1 enzymes (cytochromes P-450) functionalize compounds, usually by oxidation or reduction. Although one role of Phase 1 enzymes is to detoxify xenobiotics, several cytochromes P-450 activate various types of procarcinogens to highly reactive ultimate carcinogens.

Attached to Dr. Talalay's Rule 132 Declaration as Appendix A3 are graphs showing comparative paired ion chromatographs of broccoli sprouts and mature market stage broccoli. The paired ion chromatographs were prepared according to the method developed in his laboratory by Prestera et al., Anal. Biochem. 239: 168-179 (1996). The principal peaks are glucoraphanin, glucoerucin, glucobrassicin and neoglucobrassicin (Appendix A3) The former two glucosinolates are alkyithioglucosinolates with potent Phase 2 enzyme inducer activity and are the predominant glucosinolates found in sprouts. The latter two glucosinolates are indole glucosinolates which predominate in mature market

stage broccoli. The indole glucosinolates are (1) very weak Phase 2 enzyme inducers; (2) are bifunctional inducers and therefore induce both Phase 1 and Phase 2 enzymes; (3) degrade to produce condensation products which bind to the Ah receptor and induce certain cytochromes P-450 that activate carcinogens; and (4) may actually enhance carcinogenic activity. Accordingly, the food products of the instant invention not only contain unexpectedly high levels of anticarcinogenic Phase 2 inducer activity but also contain unexpectedly low levels of carcinogenic Phase 1 enzyme inducer activity.

C. Conclusion

The prior art does not teach or suggest methods for production of human food products comprised of the recited cruciferous sprouts or sprout extracts. Accordingly, the examiner has failed to set forth a prima facie case of obviousness. Although unnecessary to overcome the examiner's obviousness rejection because of the lack of a prima facie case of obviousness, evidence of totally unexpected results is The claimed methods of the instant application presented. provide food products comprised of certain cruciferous sprouts, and sprout extracts, with greatly increased levels of Phase 2 inducer activity compared to mature market stage vegetables. Additionally, food products prepared according to the claimed invention do not contain significant levels of Phase 1 inducer activity which may actually enhance carcinogenic activity.

It is therefore respectfully urged that the claims are not obvious over the prior art cited by the examiner and the rejection should be withdrawn.

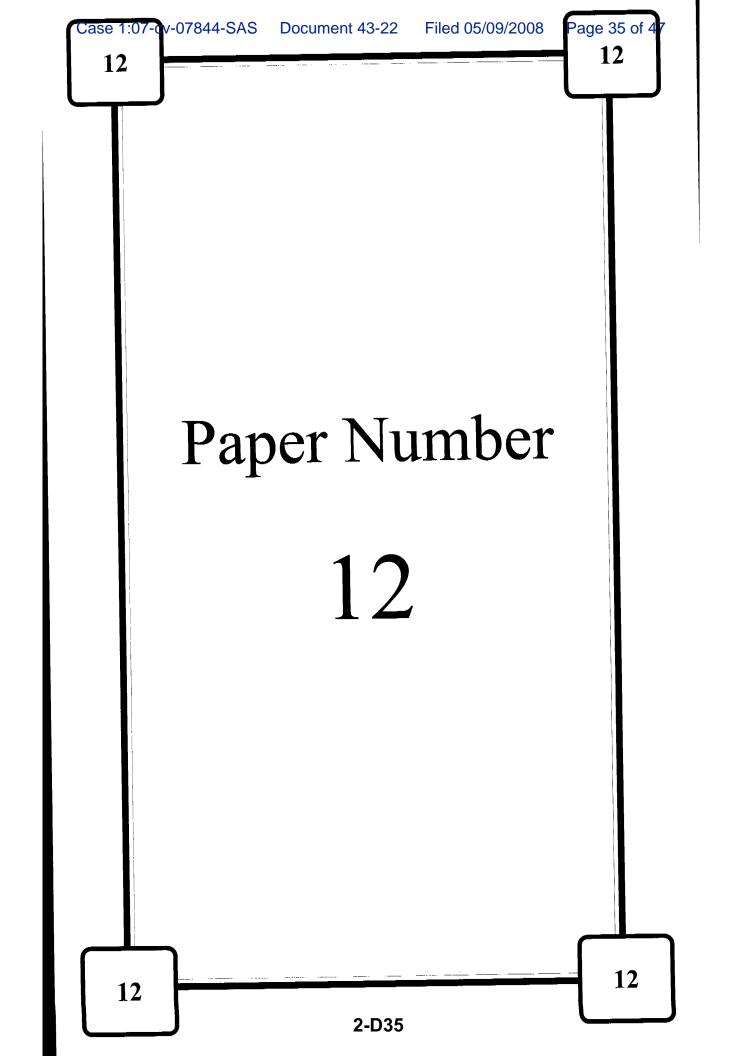
For all the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully urged that the present claims are in condition for allowance. An early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited. Should there be any questions regarding this application, Examiner Wong is invited to contact the undersigned at the number shown below.

Respectfully submitted,

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Claims 69-90 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-16 of U.S. Patent No. 5,725,895. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because the recitation of "human" is obvious.

The nonstatutory double patenting rejection is based on a judicially created doctrine grounded in public policy (a policy reflected in the statute) so as to prevent the unjustified or improper timewise extension of the "right to exclude" granted by a patent and to prevent possible harassment by multiple assignees. See In re Goodman, 11 F.3d 1046, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993); In re Longi, 759 F.2d 887, 225 USPQ 645 (Fed. Cir. 1985); In re Van Ormum, 686 F.2d 937, 214 USPQ 761 (CCPA 1982); In re Vogel, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970);and, In re Thorington, 418 F.2d 528, 163 USPQ 644 (CCPA 1969).

A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321© may be used to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on a nonstatutory double patenting ground provided the conflicting application or patent is shown to be commonly owned with this application. See 37 CFR 1.130(b).

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Leslie Wong whose telephone number is (703) 308-1979. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday-Thursday from 6:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

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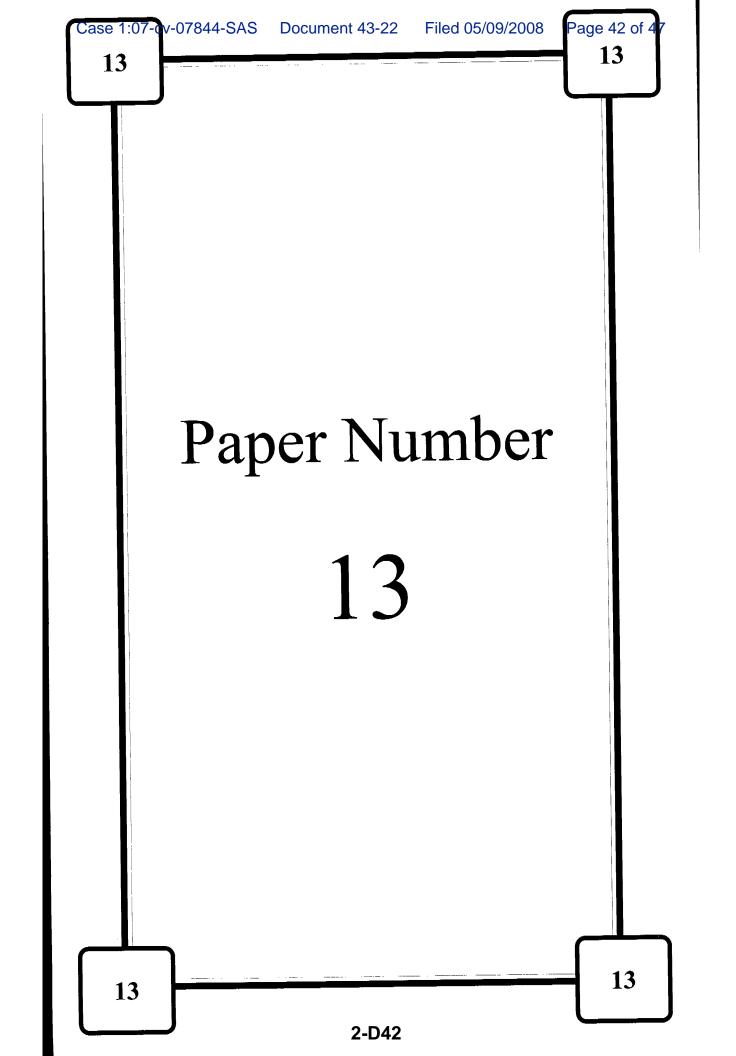
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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION <u>UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111</u>

Assistant Secretary and Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed September 10, 1998, applicants ask that the PTO amend the above-identified application as follows. A check in the amount of \$55.00 is enclosed to cover the fee for filing a terminal disclaimer. It is believed that no other fees are due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Applicants respectfully request the USPTO amend the application in the manner set out below and that the examiner re-consider the outstanding rejections in view of the following remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

In claim 77, line 2, between "from cruciferous sprouts", and ", with the exception of", please insert—rich in glucosinolates—.

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REMARKS

Claim 77 is amended to more clearly define the properties of the sprouts that are encompassed by the claimed invention. Support for the amendment is found throughout the specification and original claims as filed, for example, Page 4, Lines 2-3 Claims 69-90 are pending and presented for reconsideration by the examiner.

Claims 69-90 are pending and presented for reconsideration by the examiner. These claims were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-16 of U.S. Patent No. 5,725,895. This rejection is rendered moot with the submission of the attached Terminal Disclaimer. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of claims 69-90 should be withdrawn..

Submitted herewith is a new Form PTO-1449, which corrects the citation for the document designated "ZZ" on Form PTO-1449 which was previously filed on February 25, 1998. The pages from the book authored by Steve Meyerowitz were inadvertently indicated to be in a text entitled "The Sprout House Cookbook." The Form PTO-1449 now correctly indicates that the book is entitled "Sprout It! One Week From Seeds to Salad." The examiner is kindly requested to delete the citation on the Form-1449 submitted February 25, 1998 so that the proper citation appears on the printed patent based on this application. A copy of the title page from the text, as well as the relevant pages previously submitted for consideration by the examiner, are submitted herewith for the examiner's convenience.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing Amendments, Remarks and Terminal Disclaimer, applicants submit that all claims are in condition for allowance, and they solicit an early indication to that effect. Should there be any questions regarding this application, Examiner Wong is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

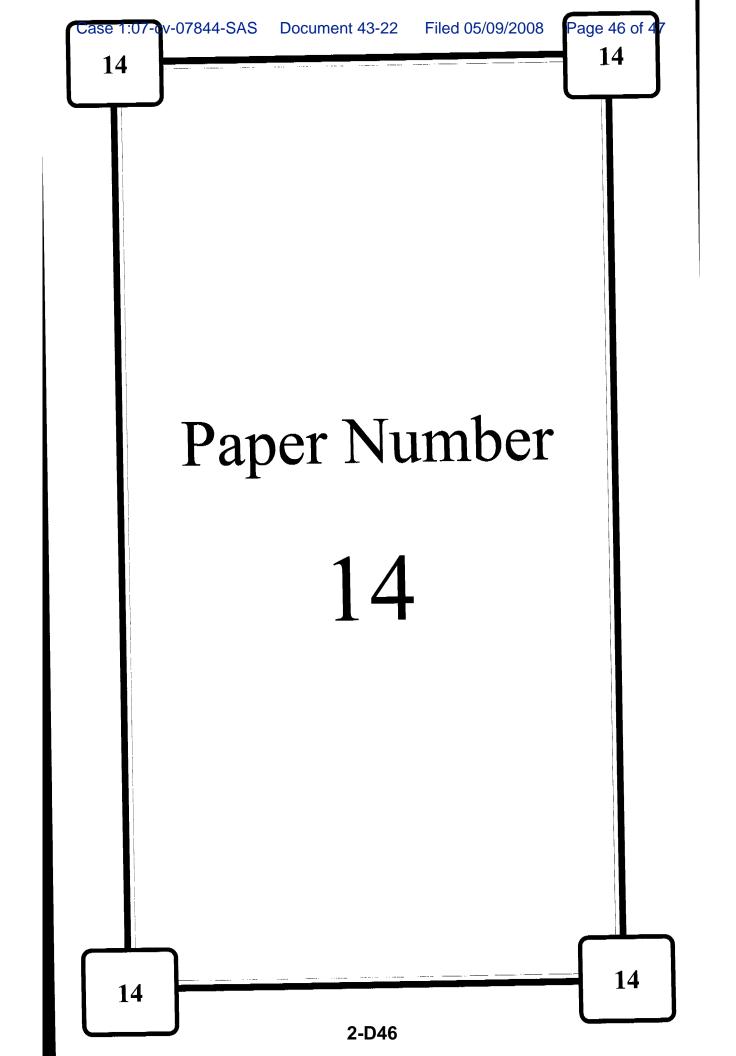
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